

Fence-Straddling Policy of Franco Lands Him in Jam

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

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Associated Press War Analyst
Specialist Generalissimo Franco's policy of playing both ends against the middle in his relations with Hitler and the Allies has landed him in another jam with Britain.

Adding to the problems which are complicating his increasingly difficult fight to maintain his dictatorship is the fact that the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, has indicted Spain on two counts. He told the House of Commons that Spain, by continuing to supply the Axis with oil, was helping them to win the war.

Generalissimo's dilemma is complicated by Spain's explosive internal situation. The Leftists and the Rightists are pulling against each other so heavily they are rocking the dictatorship chair uncomfortably.

France started out the European conflict as a "neutral" but committed to give "all aid to the Axis short of war." There were two reasons for this stand: He felt a debt to Hitler and Mussolini for the support they gave him during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39 and, perhaps more to the point, Germany looked like a certain winner.

However, this changed and by the end of 1942 the non-interventionist, pro-monarchist army officers became the dominant force in the regime in place of the fierce, pro-Nazi portion of the Falange party. That really turned the Franco government in the direction of neutrality.

There were three main reasons for this change. One was that the odds on Hitler's chances of winning the war took a hard knock when America came in. Then, too, the United States had succeeded in lining up most of the western hemisphere countries with the Allies, and Franco no longer could continue support of the Axis without gravely damaging his relations with the over-seas Spanish speaking nations, which thus played a major role in swinging Spain towards real neutrality. The third reason was that Spain still was

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Clubs

The Mt. Nebo Home Demonstration Club met at the Mt. Nebo Church January 13th. Seven members were present. After the usual routine of business the meeting was turned over to Miss Clara Westbrook, assistant home demonstration agent. She gave an interesting talk on why we should mend and patch clothing. She also gave a demonstration on making a darned in patch and correct way to sew on buttons.

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First Gifts for University Organ

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Dr. A. M. Harding, University president, announced receipt of the contribution at an alumni dinner here last night luncheon the state-wide campaign.

Herbert L. Thomas, Fayetteville, gave the alumni association the endorsement of University trustees for the undertaking.

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Social and Personal

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bales, Pvt. Gerald Lee Bales returned Wednesday morning to his post in Canada.

Mr. L. E. Russell and son, Eddie, of New Orleans and Mrs. I. E. Wilder of Shreveport are visiting their mother, Mrs. Ray Kitchens.

Mrs. C. W. Murray, Sr. and Mrs. Randolph Murray and daughter, Jimmie, of Little Rock arrived for a visit with Cpl. and Mrs. C. W. Murray, Jr. and daughter, Charlotte Anne.

her A. B. degree from Ouachita college, Arkadelphia. She is employed as physical education instructor in Arkansas High school, Texarkana.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah S. Williams, Sr. of Stamps, formerly of Hope. He is a graduate of Stamps High school and Henderson State Teachers College. He is now a second lieutenant in the marines, having received his commission at Officers Candidate school at Quantico, Va.

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Social Calendar

Monday, January 20th
January meeting of Junior League, 7:30 p. m. at Hope school, 3:30 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged.

Chapter, 328, Order of the Eastern Star, at Masonic hall, 7:30 p. m.

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Nevada Native Dies at Home Near Emmet

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Mrs. R. W. Pierey, 72, a native of Nevada county, died at her home near Emmet, Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at Forrest Hill cemetery.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Fred Hunt of Hope, Mrs. J. L. Smith of Sutton, Mrs. Alford Messer of Emmet, 2 stepsons, C. R. Ashdown, W. L. Pierey of Rockwell, Okla., a stepdaughter, Mrs. Hazel Brown of North Little Rock.

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Fertilizing of Oats Yields Big Dividend

For each dollar spent for fertilizers to top-dress oats, farmers can expect to get back about 10 bushels of oats, according to a report from the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture, top-dressing oats with 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre should increase yields about 10 bushels per acre, and 200 pounds of nitrogen per acre should increase yields about 20 bushels per acre.

The fertilizer should be applied before the grains begin their rapid spring growth—usually about March 1. Waiting until late March or April to apply the fertilizer reduces the effectiveness of the fertilizer.

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Nothing too Rough for Army Chaplain

Camp Campbell, Ky. (AP)—When the 20th Army Chaplain goes roughing it—which is often—Lt. Gabriel Ginasco, his chaplain goes roughing along too.

Maybe the men ride in tanks or along with them on a motorcycle. On a bivouac, Chaplain Ginasco spreads his sheets and half on the ground with the men.

He digs fox holes. And he knows tanks inside out, for he has helped repair and drive them.

"I've got to gain the confidence of the men," says the Easterner. "If I show I am aware of their problems through actual experience my advice to them becomes real, religion more significant."

Alfred Fritzsche, 74, New York—Alfred Fritzsche, 74, Arkansas City, Kan., the Soviet Union, was killed Tuesday at his home near Spring Hill, where he held today at 11 a. m. at the Herndon-Cornelius funeral home. Burial was at Evening Shade.

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Gideon Planish

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THE Heskett Foundation Conference convened at the Foundation Building, and there were only 100 delegates.

At the opening and registration desk of Miss Bernadine Nimrock, the Planish met the first leaders of the organizational world. They had not experienced such a large gathering of people, since their last Freshman Reception at Kimmick.

Dr. James Severance Kito shook hands with them as though he enjoyed it. He had a broad red face and a broad set of white teeth. He was a sandy-looking man in his late 30s, dry, thin and glib.

"I feel that you and I can do great things together, Dr. Kito, and I want you to meet my wife," said Dr. Planish.

Dr. Kito held Peony's ardent paw almost permanently; he looked at her and then he looked at Dr. Planish, and he boomed, "Right you are! GREAT things!"

More satisfying, even, was the meeting with the Rev. Dr. Christian Stern, of New York chairman of the executive board. He was a but not critical, you understand, sandy-looking man in his late 30s, dry, thin and glib.

Dr. Planish bubbled, "It's most annoying, Doctor. I keep hearing about you from New York. We all get very jealous!"

"Well, well, Doctor! Is that true?" said Dr. Stern.

A crew of others, less brisk about Heskett Foundation publicity, actually more famous in the banquet world in general, made through addresses on Religion, Education by Reverend Kito and Education in Religion by Reverend Stern, who was followed by the Planish suite, and they parted at 3 a. m.

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Reds Closing

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Frank line.

Troops on the Volkhov front under Gen. K. A. Meretskov, former chief of the Russian general staff, made equally swift progress through some of the enemy's strongest fortifications. They coordinated with the Leningrad front, this drive was reported to have advanced more than 18 miles through a 30-mile wide gap north of Novgorod. It straddled three strategic railway lines, one running from Novgorod north to Leningrad, another connecting Novgorod and Leningrad to the east, and a third running southwest from Novgorod to Shlisselburg. By this successful flanking movement Meretskov left but one escape route.

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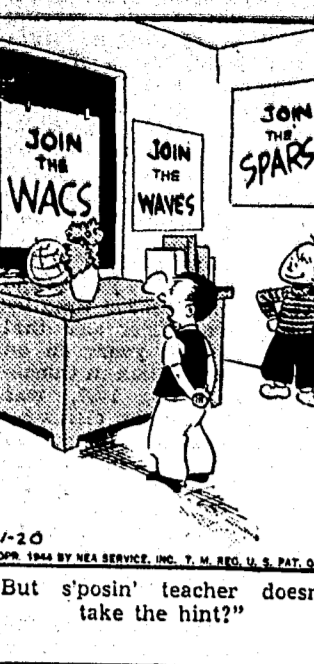
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Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo



Production of Planes to Be Hiked in 1944

Washington, Jan. 19 (AP)—The nation's 1944 aircraft production program calls for a 50 percent increase in the manufacture of combat planes in the year, according to the War Relocation Authority, which is the nation's outstanding production board, disclosed today.

The combat aircraft program will be "very substantially larger than the models they supplant," Wilson reported. The gross air frame weight of 1944 production is scheduled to be 20 percent above the total weight of 1943 aircraft.

Wilson said more than 100,000 planes are scheduled for production this year, each with an average airframe weight of more than 10,000 pounds. The aircraft industry completed 85,446 planes last year, averaging 8,830 pounds in airframe weight.

Wilson reiterated 1944 scheduling calls for increased production of heavy aircraft—bombers, fighters, and transport planes—and a reduction in the number of training and non-combat models.

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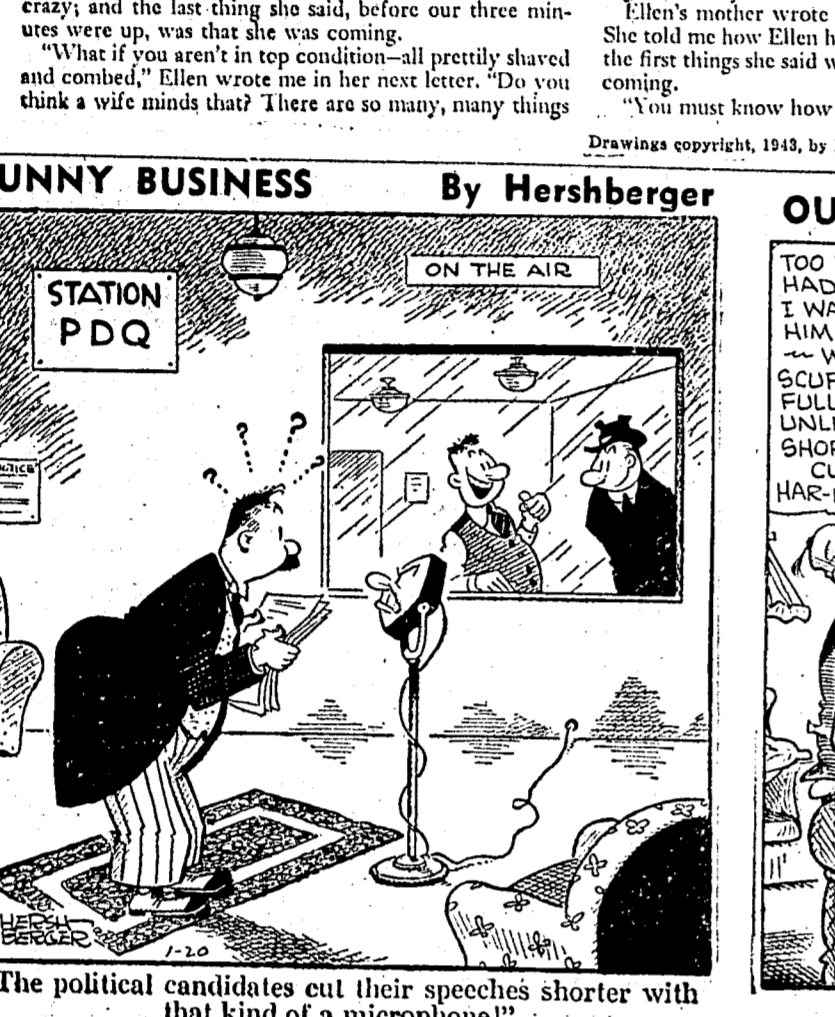
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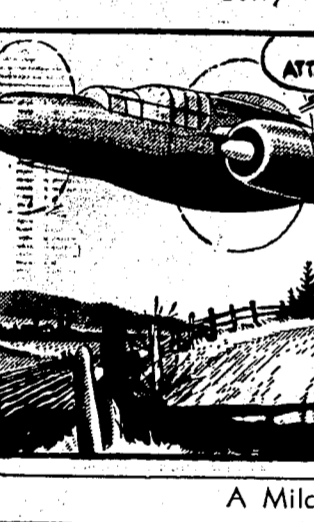
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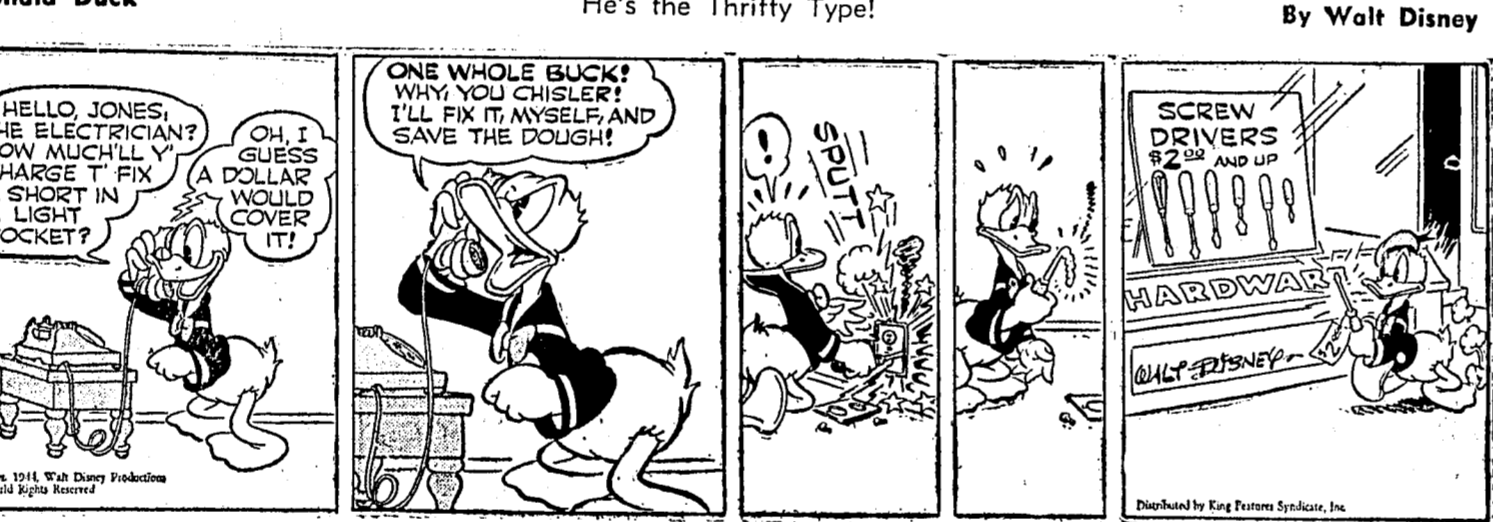
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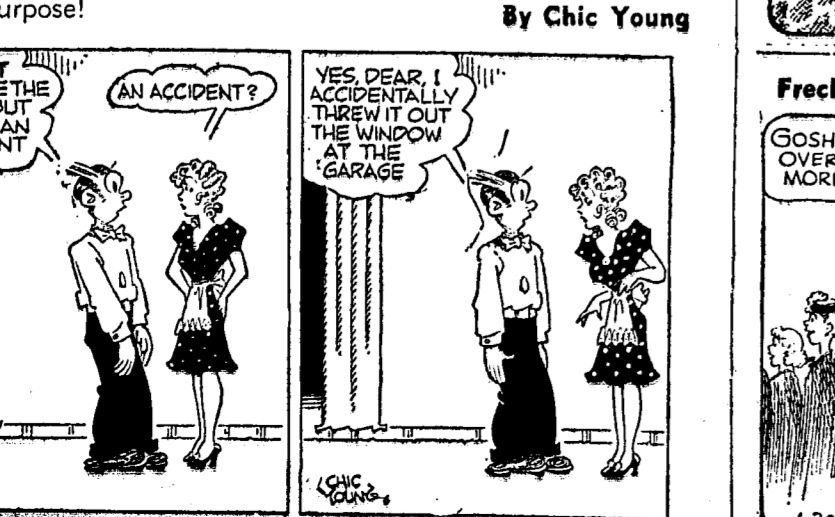
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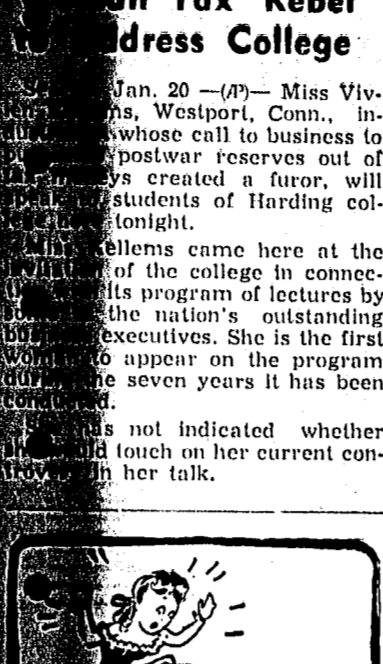
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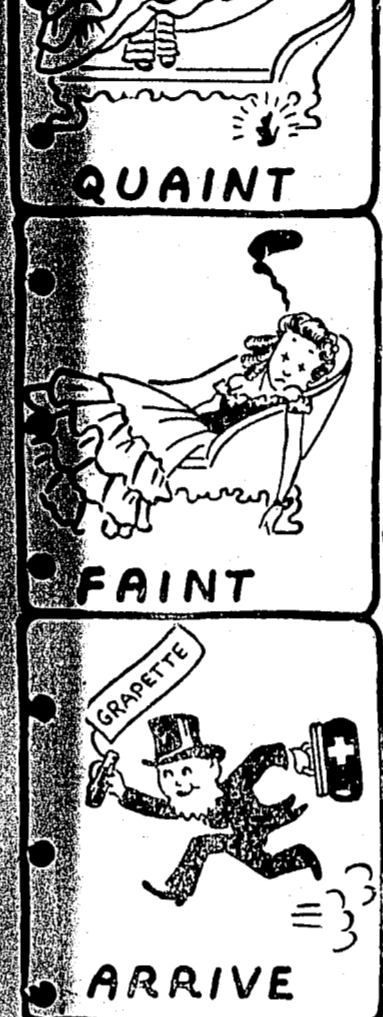
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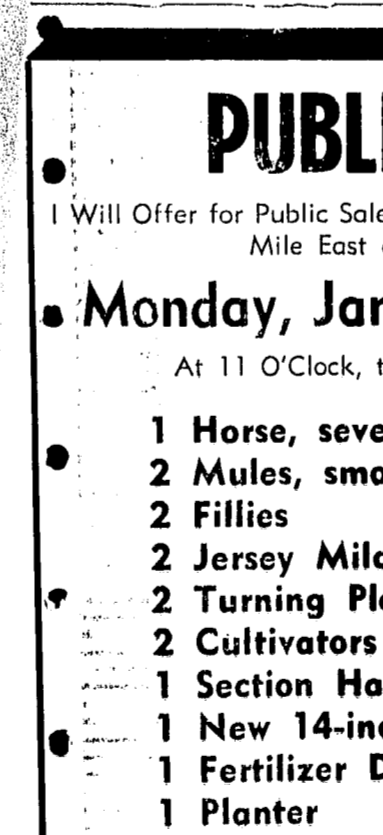
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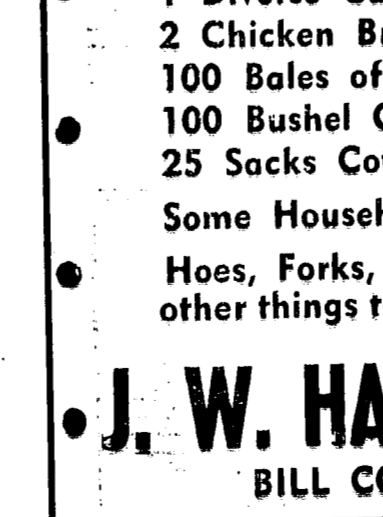
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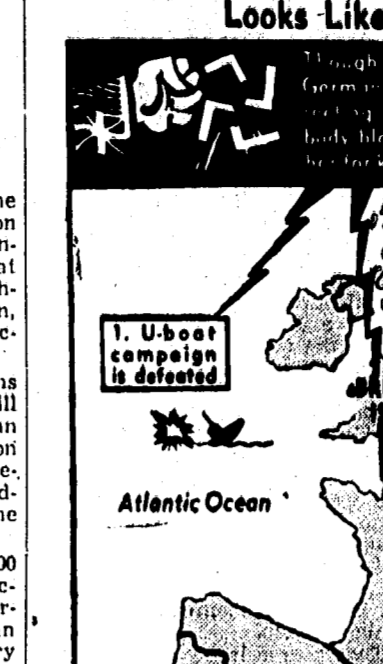
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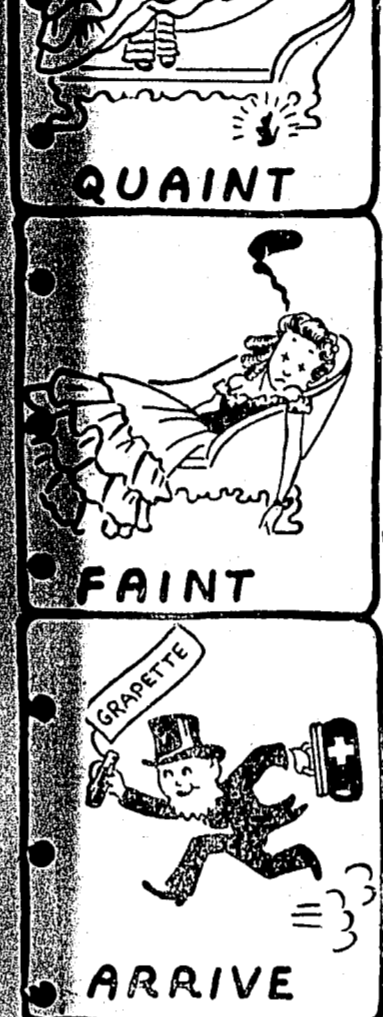
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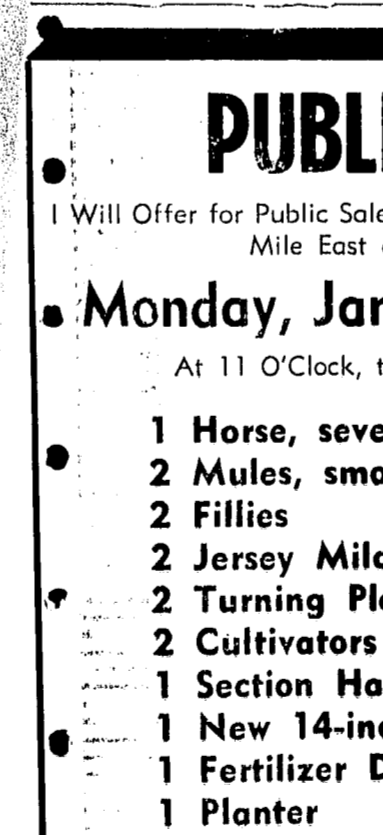
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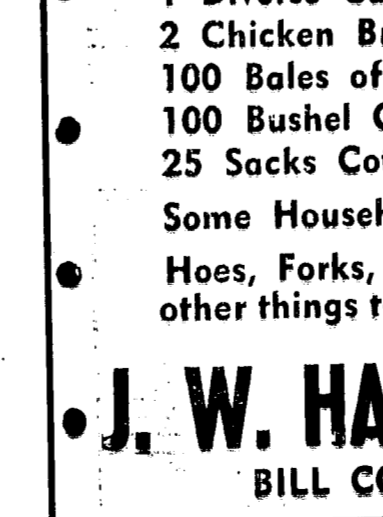
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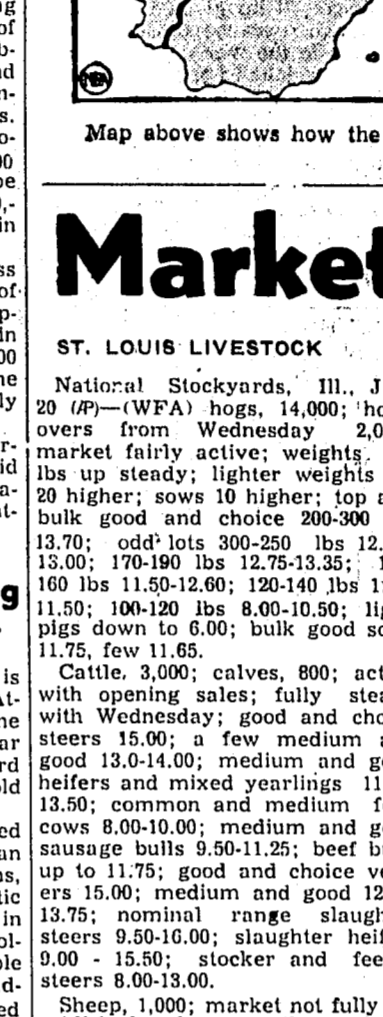
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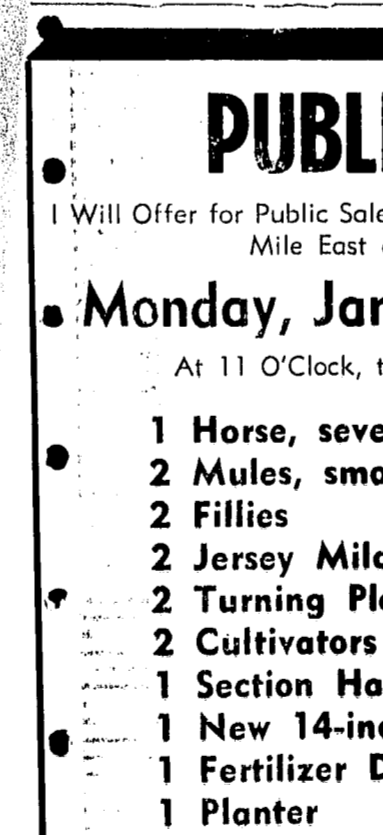
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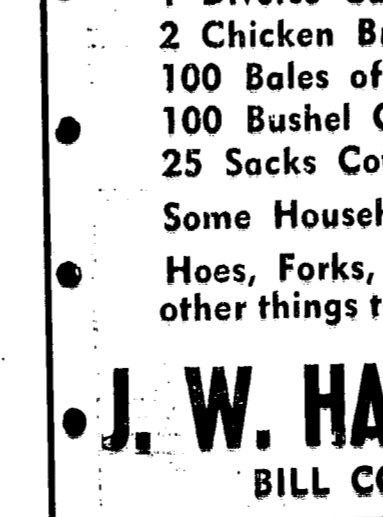
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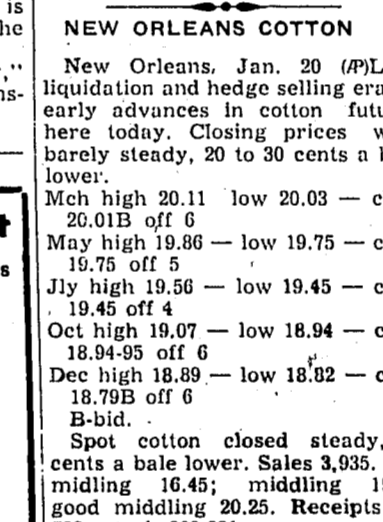
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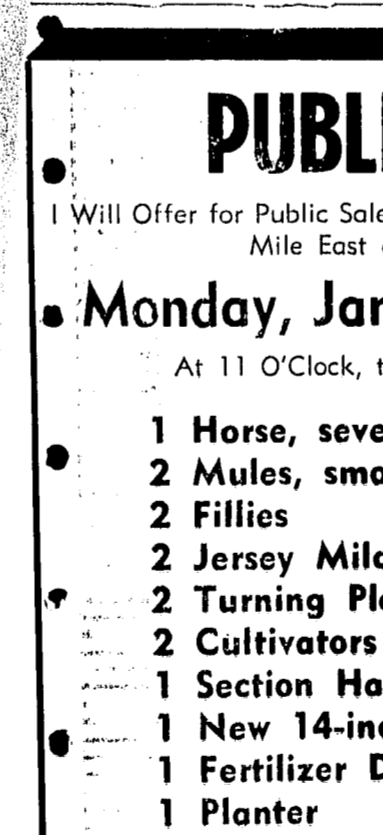
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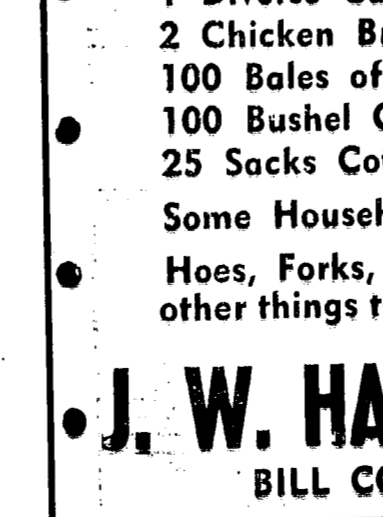
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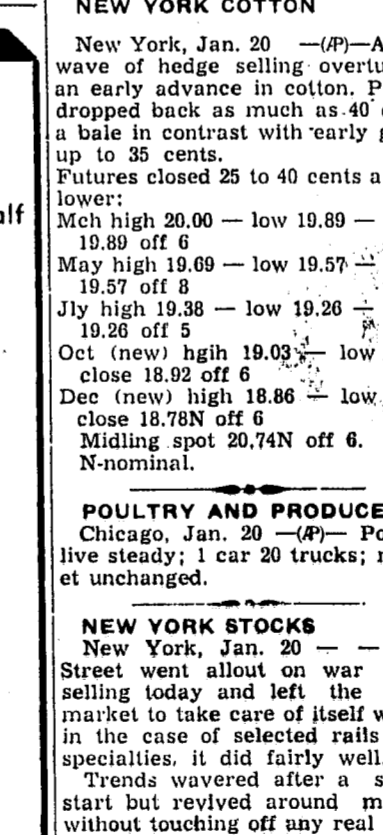
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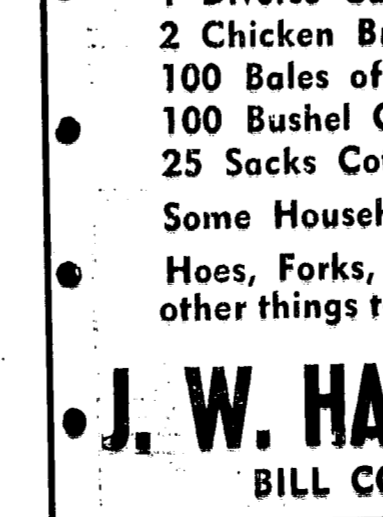
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